

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
JAMAICA PLAIN,
MASS.

Febr. 12, 1918

Mr. J.M. Johnston

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Having received your letter of Febr. 4 and, to-day, also the 21 specimens I haste to tell you that I am very glad to see this interesting material. It did, unfortunately, not arrive in a very good condition owing, probably, to the absence of strong covers for the parcel.

I am, at present, very busy with the species of sect. *Arcticae* and *Glaucæ*, and I have to finish the study of this material before I can go back to the *Longifoliae*. Kindly wait till about April before I can write to you my opinion on your specimens. I also received very good material from the Stanford University, and, furthermore, I expect some type specimens from Mr. Rowlee. Without having seen those I am unable to interpret correctly some forms of the *Longifoliae*.

You do not mention whether I have to send back all your material. Please let me know whether I could keep some specimens or, at least, fragments of them. I have ~~pp~~ to make a careful investigation of the flowers etc. and also of the structure of the epidermis of the leaves.

I shall write to you as soon as I have been able to examine the Material, and I hope, I can do it at the beginning of April.

If you should be able to let me have more specimens, especially of those forms called *glaucops*, *glauca villosa*, *californica* and relatives I would be very obliged to you. The willows of Cal. are far from being sufficiently understood. I am sorry that I don't have any opportunity to study the forms in the field but, I hope, I can do something with the material I have seen already and I have still at hand.

Very truly yours

C. Schneider